

Dams built for irrigation of Vidharbha region

3016. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

SHRI DATTAMEGHE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special scheme has been made to utilize more water of the dams built for the irrigation of Vidharbha region in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the names of such schemes; and

(c) what steps have been taken to provide maximum benefits of these schemes to the farmers of Vidharbha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV). (a) The Government of Maharashtra has informed that any specific scheme to utilize more water of the dams for irrigation of Vidharbha region in Maharashtra has not been prepared. However, as per the information provided by the Government of Maharashtra 15 major, 37 medium, 13 ERM and 156 minor irrigation projects/schemes are under implementation. 8 major, 9 medium and 65 minor irrigation schemes of Vidharbha region are included in the Rehabilitation Package for the Farmers in agrarian distressed districts.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Status of interlinking of rivers

†3017. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

SHRI KRISHANLAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the actual status of ambitious river interlinking project going on in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the work of the above scheme is going on at a very slow pace and this scheme is lagging behind the target;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.